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Alabama Chess Federation Antics

PRESIDENTS LETTER

We are back with a brand new Editor! Kirk Petty is the new ACF Editor. He brings past experience from producing Louisiana's state bulletin. The other officers remain the same as the previous year. Kirk needs everyones support especially with games and articles.

The major news for Alabama State Legislatures intrest in Alabama Scholastic Chess. At the 2002 State Scholastic Individual Championships, two legislators were on hand to provide proclamations from the legislature and Governor Siegelmann supporting Alabama scholastic chess. They have promised support for adding chess to the statewide curriculum as well as some degree of financial support. It is still early, but this is a very exciting time.

At the State Championship ACF Business Meeting, Jack Mallory was recognized receiving the prestigious Scholastic Service Award for 2002 from the USCF. Jack has long been the cornerstone for scholastic chess in Alabama. Now he has well deserved national recognition. Good job Jack

Also at the Business Meeting, the ACF recoginized Dale Robbins and a team of scholastic players who had outstanding performances at the Youth Games in New Jersey. These players (Jeffery Byrd, Andrew Rozza, Morgan Loggins and Natalia Tucholska) and Dale were awarded honorary one year memberships to the ACF for representing Alabama so shiningly.

Alabama chess is headed in a positive direction and we look forward to bring you highlights of the 2002-2003 chess year via the *ANTICS*. Enjoy this issue.

Bill Melvin
President, ACF

EDITORS NOTES

Greetings Alabama Chess players. My name is Kirk Petty and I have been extended the privilge of serving as the Editor of the *Alabama Chess Antics.* Service, I believe, is an appropriate term for the functions of both the *Antics* and my office.

The service role of the *Antics* shall include, being an archive of recent accomplishments, informing players on a timely basis of upcoming events, coordinate and encourage the activities of tournament organizers, and promote the unity of our chess community . Lately the *Antics* has not accomplised these goals. I hope that the readers will feel the pride of ownership in the *Antics* . It is truly your bulletin. I encourage everyone to send in games and articles.

The role of the editor will be to provide support for, content of and ensure timely delivery of the *Antics. I pledge my best efforts in this regard.* In each *Antics* there will be a calendar of events, a letter from the ACF president, a list of clubs and ACF Officers. There will be games, crosstables and fundamental improvement articles.Games will be there so that you may share the joy in the hard won victory or feel the pain of defeat. Crosstables so that there is a record . Players will enjoy the crosstables to see how their friends made out, Instruction aimed at our lower rated players to encourage and develop those players to their maximum potential.

Players, make this the best year for the *Antics* and Alabama Chess. Contribute a little to each and everyone will reap the benefits .

A Challenge

Adult chess is at a crossroads in this State. The road we choose will determine the opportunities players will have to pursue their passion, playing competitive chess, for years to come. If organizers and tournament directors do not step foward now competitive play may well cease to exist on a state wide basis.

Why worry about local tournaments that attract players from all around the state? Over the board competition motivates a player to study both before and after. Playing someone who is not from your local club is refreshing and sets the stage for future games. Local tournaments offer variety to the chess player, again, keeping the intrest level up. Players who partcipate in a local tournament take that desire to play back to their local club. The result? more club activity, more indvidual matches, and more demand for tournaments!

I challenge each tournament director in this state to hold at least one one or two day weekend tournament during the next year. Further, I challenge each of you to organize a regular rated event at the club. One each. Not only in the Birmingham area. I want to play in Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, Huntsville and Mobile in the next year. This is the Alabama Chess Federation, lets each commit to re-build adult chess in this state.

For my part, I am running a one day tournament in Alabaster every month (see details elsewhere in this issue), commiting to a two day in Janurary and the Vulcan again next May. We need some Saturday one days, some club vs club matches (unless your club is just scared ;)), the return of some traditional tournaments, Space City and Tuscaloosa Open come to mind. Can you commit to just one to help re-build adult chess in Alabama? I have and believe that you will too. Write me and voice your ideas, concerns and commitments. Kirk

ALABAMA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Okay, Lets give this a try. Announcing the 2002 Alabama Postal Championship! Open to all ACF members. Entry fee is 10 dollars with prizes per entries. Exact prize fund will depend on the number of entries. Perhaps more important is the title of Alabama Postal Champion 2002! This tournament will follow standard postal rules except we will use the old three day time limit per move. A brief look at the important rules:

1. NO computer aided analysis. No consultation with other players. (Why play if you have to have someone or something play for you?) Books, database and other reference material is permitted.

2. Upon receipt of your opponnents move you have three days to post your reply.

3. On your card you need to indicate date postmarked, date rec date sent , time used for move and total time. Example pm 10/5 rec 10/7 sent 10/10 yr time 1/5 my time 3/8

Also your opponnents move and yours.

4. Algebriac notation is standard unless both agree on another.

5. TD will be Kirk Petty , an alternate TD will be appointed in case of disputes in my games, (any takers?) Direct entries, questions and complaints to me at:
Kirk Petty

6. Format , again will depend on number of entries--

7 or less -double round robin- Two games on one card.

8 or more - sections with winners advancing to final

7. Entries close November 10, 2002 And yes this is postal , using postcards :)

2002 Greater Alabama Open

The 9th Greater Alabama Open was well attended. We had 39 players in two sections, with 3 masters in attendance. Players came from far and near, California, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Georgia and all over Alabama. this was the largest turnout for this event.

In the open section, the tournament favorites held their honor and went home GAO co-champions. Masters Stephen Muhammad of Georgia and Todd Andrews of Tenn drew their game and swept away all other opposition. For their efforts, they took the top two prizes.

In the Reserve section, Alma Vandiver of Ozark, Al played very well. So well in fact, she went 5-0! The top prize, title and smile as bright as the Open section winners was. Congratulations to all the champions, prize winners and players for the fighting chess.

OPEN SECTION **Aug 10-11 2002**

#	Player Name	ST	Pre	Pst	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Total
1	Stephen Muhammad	GA	2393	2396	W16	W11	D2	W8	W4	4.5
2	Todd Andrews	TN	2294	2305	W5	W15	D1	W3	W7	4.5
3	Bill Melvin	AL	2208	2200	L11	W14	W6	L2	W8	3.0
4.	David Hater	AL	2000	2003	D14	W9	D10	W15	L1	3.0
5	James Richardson	AL	1910	1922	L2	D16	D13	W11	W12	3.0
6	Kirk Petty	AL	1907	1915	L7	W12	L3	W9	W13	3.0
7	Ross Smith	AL	1705	1794	W6	L8	W11	W19	L2	3.0
8	Frisco Del Rosario	CA	2018	2200	W12	W7	H	L1	L3	2.5
9	Giles D'Souza	AL	1880	1879	D10	L4	W14	L6	W15	2.5
10	Richard Frye	FL	2090	2073	D9	W13	D4	L7	U	2.0
11	Harry Abrams	SC	1865	1873	W3	L1	L7	L5	W16	2.0
12	Zachary Kinney	AL	1831	1815	L8	L6	B	W14	L5	2.0
13	Thomas Lawry	AL	1825	1830	H	L10	D5	W16	L6	2.0
14	Gerald Wheeler	AL	1708	1699	D4	L3	L9	L12	B	1.5
15	Edward Dean	AL	1677	1674	B	L2	D16	L4	L9	1.5
16	Tim Bond	AL	1947	1916	L1	D5	D15	L13	L11	1.0

Reserve Section

1	Alma VanDiver	AL	1390/8	1498	W20	W6	W5	W2	W8	5.0
2	Tim Owens	AL	1262	1371	W15	W8	W11	L1	W5	4.0
3.	Miles Melvin	AL	1545	1528	W13	L5	W4	D6	W7	3.5
4.	Chris Hillard	AL	1295	1330	W9	D10	L3	W14	D6	3.0
5	Bryan McMeen	AL	1277	1312	W17	W3	L1	W16	L2	3.0
6	James DeAndrade	AL	1258	1310	W7	L1	W17	D3	D4	3.0
7	James Bodiford	AL	0	1377	L6	W21	W13	W11	L3	3.0
8	Randall Tew	AL	0	1325	W12	L2	W20	W9	L1	3.0
9	Laura Berg	AL	0	1231	L4	W23	W19	L8	W16	3.0
10	William McTigue	FL	1482	1489	W21	D4	W16	U	U	2.5
11	Jim Griffin	AL	1343	1303	X	W19	L2	L7	D13	2.5
12	Michael Dale	AL	1140	1122	L8	D15	L14	W22	W20	2.5
13	Samuel Parks	AL	995	1120	L3	W14	L7	W17	D11	2.5
14	Bill Vanness	AL	0	1128	D18	L13	W12	L4	W22	2.5

Michael Cottle	AL	0	1100	L2	D12	L18	W23	W19	2.5
James Main	AL	1255	1231	W22	W18	L10	L5	L9	2.0
David Petit	AL	946	926	L5	B	L6	L13	W23	2.0
Earl Whayne	Fl	1224	1211	D14	L16	W15	U	U	1.5
James Jackson	Al	1201	1051	W23	L11	L9	D20	L15	1.5
Mark DeAndrade	AL	981	977	L1	W22	L8	D19	L12	1.5
Michael Burrus	AL	1257	1231	L10	L7	B	U	U	1.0
Brando Gilland	AL	0	749	L16	L20	W23	L12	L14	1.0
Marcus Jones	AL	0	417	L19	L9	L22	L15	L17	0.0

Games from the GAO

GAO Todd Andrews – Stephen Muhammad
1.d4 f5 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nh3 e6 5.Nf4 Bd6 6.Nd3 Nbd7 7.Nd2 0–0 8.Nf3 b6 9.0–0 Ba6 10.b3 Qe7 11.Bb2 c5 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.Nfe5 Nb6 14.c4 Rac8 15.Qc2 Nfd7 16.Rad1 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 d4 18.f4 Bxe5 19.fxe5 Bb7 20.e3 Bxg2 21.Qxg2 dxe3 22.Bc1 Draw Agreed

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Melvin, Bill– Andrews, Todd **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Qb6 8.0–0 Nxd4 9.Ng5 Nc6 10.Qe2 g6 11.Be3 Qd8 12.f4 h6 13.Nf3 Nb4 14.Bb5 Bxb5 15.Qxb5+ Qd7 16.Na3 a6 17.Qb6 Nc6 18.Nc2 Nge7 19.g4 h5 20.h3 hxg4 21.hxg4 d4 22.Bd2 Nd5 23.Qb3 d3 24.Nce1 Bc5+ 25.Kg2 Be3 26.Nxd3 Bxd2 27.Nc5 Qe7 28.Nxd2 Qxc5 29.Rh1 Nxf4+ 30.Kf3 Rxh1 31.Rxh1 Nd4+** White resigns

Organizing a tournament------

Okay, you have decided to answer the Presidents and Editors call to help rebuild adult chess in Alabama. You want to hold a tournament, you want to attract players to your city to play chess. The problem is you have never organized an out of the club event. How do you go about it? Well there maybe several excellent ways that are far superior to mine, but I will give you an outline as to what I do.

1) Decide on what format One, two or three day tournament. If a one day event, Saturday or Sunday.

2.) Decide if you want to put your tournament in Tournament Life of *Chess Life* magazine. I recommend this unless you want to really gamble on attendance. (Even with an announcement in the magazine there are no assurances, but you have a better chance with it then without it) If you want to advertise there then you must schedule your tournament far enough to make the TLA deadline usually about two or three months in advance. Add to this another months planning time and you should be aiming for a date about three to four months away. Pick two or three potential dates that fit these guidelines.

3) Find a site. Okay if you have connections to get a school cafeteria, church annex, or private business meeting space, excercise your influence there because these can usually be reserved with little or no cost for the meeting space. It is a win-win situation for the players and organizers. More money to the prize fund for the players and less chance of losing a couple hundered dollars for the organizer.

If you dont have that resource then you need to look for something like a community center. In Alabaster every month I have found a center that is low cost for rent and great for a 30 player one day event. (Yes you do have to take into consideration the size and type of event when securing a site)

If all this doesnt work, or you are a remember when traditionalist like me, then you must seek out rented space at a hotel.. Contact the sales office telling them that you are considering putting a chess tournament at their location. Ask them about meeting space availability, if it can accomadate 6 or 8 ft tables, banquet style seating for at least 60 players. If they have anything of that nature on those dates you selected, then you must go to the hotel to physically view the room.

You may have to explain the nature of a chess event to them (except maybe in Birmingham where I have probably already informed them :)) . We have firm schedule, and need quiet. You will need the meeting space for all day on both days on a two day event. Ask to see the room. On the way, note location of lounges, kitchens and other meeting rooms. Do not put a tournament next to an active kitchen or lounge. Emphasize our need for quiet. In the tournament hall note the conditions especially lighting. Note also if there is a pool right outside (for summer events) If everything is satisfactory then you need to find out what they want to charge you. If it is close to your budget, that is good. However now pull out your trump card. ask for a sliding scale for the rental based on room nights. Putting "Heads in the beds" is why hotels have meeting spaces and why they will accomadate you. Get their proposal in writing. Tell them to tentatively schedule the event. Instead of a deposit, give the a date that you will come in a sign a contract under these terms, telling them you must first review the proposal. At this point contact an experienced organizer such as myself for advice your first couple of times. Now you can formally structure your event.

4) Plan your event with realistic attendance and entry fees. In Alabama a good guide is 35-40 players paying about 40 dollars entry fee in advance. (Organizer trick and safety line always budget as if everyone is going to enter in advance, that little cushion has saved many tournaments from becoming financial disasters)Also, figure about 15 -20 room nights from out of town players .

5) Review your plans with an experienced TD/organizer. If workable go back to Hotel sign the contract and get ready to market your event. Thats for another issue. Any questions about this process fell free to ask. Kirk

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ALABAMA STATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

On August 31, 2002 Fifty-Eight players assembled to fight for the Alabama State Chess Championship. This years verison was only a two day, 5 round event due to space limitations. This also meant that the State would be a two section event, Open to all and Reserve for those rated under 1800. It was these two factors that combined to produce a lot of fighting chess, equal competition and well played games in both sections.

In the Open section we had 25 players , 20 from Alabama, 4 from Georgia and 1 from Arizona. The player from Arizona was International Master Rashid Ziatdinov. IM Ziatdinov is of course familiar with chess in the southeast having resided in this region recently. Closest to him in strength was FIDE Master Stephen Muhammad. FM Muhammad is from Georgia and is a local favorite among chess players of this area. FM Muhammads games always appear to be demanding on his opponents and precise in execution. Add to this mix, Alabama's own National Master Bill Melvin, himself a State Champion many times over and the championship was set to be a masterful competition. Next in line were 4 strong experts, with at least three of them having held State titles in the past. IM Ziatidnov went 5-0 to win the tournament including a win over FM Muhammad. Their game is in the games section and it was a fighting game from start to finsh. Joe Jurjevich, Charles Meidinger and Scott Varagona were co-champions with Jurjevich taking trophy on tie breaks.

In the Reserve section we had 33 players, all but 3 coming from Alabama. The top two players in this section were both from the Huntsville area, Bijan Khalegi 1781 and Gerald Wheeler 1708. In the recent past it seemed that being one of the top two ratings in this section was almost a curse. Rarely does one of those seeds actually seem to win. This year however, Bijan and Gerald would not be denied. They resolutely faced and prevailed over 4 opponnents each to face each other in the last round. A draw was agreed upon and they became Reserve co-Champions at 4.5 each.

The crosstable and games follow next. Thanks to Dr. Kenneth Sloan for a good job directing and to all of you for playing.

Name/State ID	Group/Team	Rate	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5
1. Rashid Ziatdinov AZ 12650697		2470	W 12 1.0	B 16 2.0	W 4 3.0	B 2 4.0	B 5 5.0
2. Stephen Muhammad GA 12355370		2349	B 15 1.0	W 9 2.0	B 6 3.0	W 1 3.0	W 4 4.0
3. Bill Melvin AL 12406133		2208	W 16 0.0	B 22 1.0	B 7 2.0	W 5 2.0	W 18 3.0
4. David M Vest GA 11026109		2182	B 17 1.0	W 23 2.0	B 1 2.0	W 14 3.0	B 2 3.0
5. Charles Meidinger AL 10237114		2147	W 18 0.5	B 20 1.5	W 13 2.5	B 3 3.5	W 1 3.5
6. Joseph Jurjevich NC 10767555		2116	B 19 1.0	W 25 2.0	W 2 2.0	B 10 2.5	W 8 3.5
7. David A Hater NY 12334630		2000	W 20 0.5	B 24 1.5	W 3 1.5	B 19 2.0	--- 2.0
8. Gary L Bailey AL 11443249		1986	B 21 0.5	W 14 1.0	B 16 2.0	W 12 3.0	B 6 3.0
9. Mark L Liatti AL 12494481		1978	W 22 1.0	B 2 1.0	W 18 1.5	B 24 2.5	W 10 2.5
10. Scott Varagona AL 12744446		1975	B 23 0.0	W 15 1.0	B 25 2.0	W 6 2.5	B 9 3.5
11. Ozgur Aktunc AL 12780643		1958	W 24 0.5	B 18 1.0	W 19 1.5	B 13 2.0	B 14 3.0
12. Frank Johnson GA 20014803		1930	B 1 0.0	W 17 1.0	B 23 2.0	B 8 2.0	W 19 2.0
13. Kirk D Petty AL 10459681		1923	HALF 0.5	W 21 1.5	B 5 1.5	W 11 2.0	B 17 2.0
14. Tim Bond AL 10239974		1921	HALF 0.5	B 8 1.0	W 20 2.0	B 4 2.0	W 11 2.0
15. Keith R Jakeman AL 12270000		1917	W 2 0.0	B 10 0.0	B 17 0.0	--- 0.0	--- 0.0
16. James Richardson AL 12583803		1910	B 3 1.0	W 1 1.0	W 8 1.0	B 18 1.0	W 25 2.0
17. Giles D'Souza AL 12749963		1901	W 4 0.0	B 12 0.0	W 15 1.0	B 25 2.0	W 13 3.0
18. James R Linholm AL 12269580		1899	B 5 0.5	W 11 1.0	B 9 1.5	W 16 2.5	B 3 2.5

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19. Zachary Z Kinney MD 10171610		1858	W 6 0.0	BYE 1.0	B 11 1.5	W 7 2.0	B 12 3.0
20. Caesar W Lawrence AL 12480636		1825	B 7 0.5	W 5 0.5	B 14 0.5	W 21 1.5	B 23 2.0
21. Charles Cleveland AL 10237548		1764	W 8 0.5	B 13 0.5	W 24 0.5	B 20 0.5	BYE 1.5
22. Jerald R Mc Gowin AP 11461051		1760	B 9 0.0	W 3 0.0	BYE 1.0	W 23 1.5	B 24 2.0
23. Edward T Dean AL 12670976		1666	W 10 1.0	B 4 1.0	W 12 1.0	B 22 1.5	W 20 2.0
24. Mark P Stribling AL 12453610		1604	B 11 0.5	W 7 0.5	B 21 1.5	W 9 1.5	W 22 2.0
25. Richard S Pugh GA 12525508		1556	BYE 1.0	B 6 1.0	W 10 1.0	W 17 1.0	B 16 1.0

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1. Bijan Khalegi AL 12413553		1781	W 18 1.0	B 8 2.0	W 6 3.0	B 3 4.0	W 2 4.5
2. Gerald A Wheeler AL 10238633		1708	B 19 1.0	W 12 2.0	B 15 3.0	W 5 4.0	B 1 4.5
3. Richard Bellezza GA 10158052		1600	W 20 1.0	B 13 2.0	W 32 3.0	W 1 3.0	--- 3.0
4. Robert Bashinsky AL 10397162		1548	B 21 1.0	W 15 1.0	BYE 2.0	W 9 2.0	B 19 3.0
5. Miles Melvin AL 12699798		1545	W 22 1.0	B 17 1.5	W 10 2.5	B 2 2.5	W 15 3.5
6. Joshua Wakefield AL 12686709		1540	B 23 1.0	W 16 2.0	B 1 2.0	W 22 3.0	B 9 4.0
7. William Morrison AL 12561535		1525	W 24 1.0	B 32 1.0	W 18 2.0	B 15 2.5	W 16 3.5
8. Valerie D Hodgson AL 11441769		1522	B 25 1.0	W 1 1.0	B 20 2.0	W 31 3.0	B 32 4.0
9. Charles I Ashmore AL 10193176		1490	W 26 1.0	B 11 1.5	W 17 2.5	B 4 3.5	W 6 3.5
10. Robert M Rieves AL 12526224		1486	HALF 0.5	W 27 1.5	B 5 1.5	W 16 2.0	B 24 2.5
11. Sherman B Ashmore AL 12567989		1480	B 27 0.5	W 9 1.0	B 22 1.0	B 23 2.0	W 25 3.0
12. James C Dean AL 10458960		1453	W 28 1.0	B 2 1.0	W 24 2.0	B 32 2.0	B 31 3.0
13. Eric S Drapkin AL 12809508		1410	B 29 1.0	W 3 1.0	B 31 1.0	--- 1.0	--- 1.0
14. Randall Tew AL 12808659		1400	W 32 0.0	B 26 0.0	W 27 1.0	B 25 1.0	W 28 1.0
15. Alma T Vandiver AL 12761696		1390	B 33 1.0	B 4 2.0	W 2 2.0	W 7 2.5	B 5 2.5
16. Robert W Hackney AL 12831369		1335	W 31 1.0	B 6 1.0	W 26 2.0	B 10 2.5	B 7 2.5
17. Bryan Mc Meen AL 12741887		1311	B 30 1.0	W 5 1.5	B 9 1.5	W 19 1.5	B 22 2.5
18. A Earl Whayne FL 12580731		1248	B 1 0.0	W 25 1.0	B 7 1.0	B 26 1.0	W 29 2.0

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19. Robert Mc Donald AL 12787759		1246	W 2 0.0	B 28 1.0	HALF 1.5	B 17 2.5	W 4 2.5
20. Ethan A Balch AL 12622233		1221	B 3 0.0	W 33 1.0	W 8 1.0	B 28 2.0	W 26 2.5
21. Michael L Dale AL 12745268		1175	W 4 0.0	--- 0.0	--- 0.0	--- 0.0	--- 0.0
22. Lewis Lehe AL 12638414		1164	B 5 0.0	W 29 1.0	W 11 2.0	B 6 2.0	W 17 2.0
23. Jonathon Knowles AL 12764079		1135	W 6 0.0	B 31 0.0	B 33 1.0	W 11 1.0	B 30 2.0
24. Matthew P Clay AL 12840894		1085	B 7 0.0	W 30 1.0	B 12 1.0	B 27 2.0	W 10 2.5
25. John Tyler Spann AL 12703437		1046	W 8 0.0	B 18 0.0	B 29 1.0	W 14 2.0	B 11 2.0
26. Samuel Parks FL 12677683		995	B 9 0.0	W 14 1.0	B 16 1.0	W 18 2.0	B 20 2.5
27. Fan Yang AL 12863278		971	W 11 0.5	B 10 0.5	B 14 0.5	W 24 0.5	W 33 1.5
28. Mason Williams AL 12689065		922	B 12 0.0	W 19 0.0	B 30 1.0	W 20 1.0	B 14 2.0
29. Laura Berg AL 12875517		nnnn	W 13 0.0	B 22 0.0	W 25 0.0	BYE 1.0	B 18 1.0
30. Michael Cottle AL 12873860		nnnn	W 17 0.0	B 24 0.0	W 28 0.0	B 33 1.0	W 23 1.0
31. Steven Dibble AL 12875776		nnnn	B 16 0.0	W 23 1.0	W 13 2.0	B 8 2.0	W 12 2.0
32. Bill Van Ness AL 12872468		nnnn	B 14 1.0	W 7 2.0	B 3 2.0	W 12 3.0	W 8 3.0
33. Tony Zheng AL 12875852		nnnn	W 15 0.0	B 20 0.0	W 23 0.0	W 30 0.0	B 27 0.0

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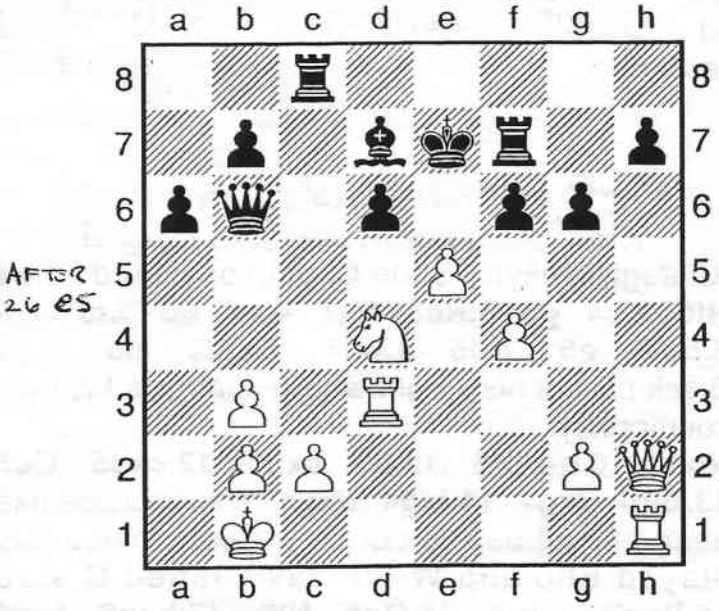
[Petty,Kirk]

In this game the young JT Spann continues to mow down higher rated players. Here it appears Randall was trying to trap the queen. However, in his zeal he failed to see a piece en prise. **1.c4 e5 2.b3 Nc6 3.Bb2 Bc5 4.e3 Nf6 5.h3 d6 6.a3 Be6 7.Nc3 a6 8.Nf3 h6 9.Be2 Qe7 10.b4 Ba7 11.d3 d5 12.Na2 Nd7 13.c5 0–0 14.Qc1 f5 15.Qd1 Bf7 16.Qa4 Bh5 17.Nc1 f4 18.e4 d4 19.Nb3 b5 20.cxb6 Nxb6 21.Qxc6 Be8 22.Qc5 Qe6 23.Qc2 Ba4 24.Nc5 Qc6 25.Nxe5 Qe8 26.Nxa4 Qxe5 27.Nxb6 Bxb6 28.Qc4+ Rf7 29.Qd5 Qe8 30.Bh5 Qf8 31.Bxf7+ Qxf7 32.Qxa8+** White soon won

Varagona–Jakeman State Championship Rd2 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Bd3 0–0 7.0–0 Bg4 8.h3 Be6 9.Ng5 Qd7 10.Nxe6 Qxe6 11.b3 Na6 12.Ba3 Rfe8 13.Rc1 Nc7 14.Qf3 Rac8 15.Rc2 Qd7 16.Na4 Ne6 17.Rfc1 b6 18.cxd5 Nxd5 19.Bc4 Ng5 20.Qg4 Qxg4 21.hxg4 Nf6 22.Be2 b5 23.Bxb5 cxb5 24.Rxc8 bxa4 25.Bxe7

Mohammed–Ziatdinov State Championship Rd 4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.Qc2 Be7 8.h3 0–0 9.e3 Re8 10.Bd3 Nf8 11.0–0–0 a5 12.Ne5 N6d7 13.Bh2 a4 14.f4 Qa5 15.g4 a3 16.b3 Bb4 17.Ne2 c5 18.Kb1 f6 19.Nf3 Rxe3 20.Rhf1 b6 21.Bg1 Re8 22.g5 Ba6 23.dxc5 bxc5 24.gxf6 Nxf6 25.Ne5 Rac8 26.Rf3 c4 27.bxc4 dxc4 28.Bf5 Rcd8 29.Bd4 Bc5 30.Kc1 Bxd4 31.Nxd4 Qb6 32.Qf2 Rd6 33.Rxa3 Red8 34.Qb2 Qc5 35.Bc2 Rxd4 36.Rxd4 Rxd4 37.Rxa6 Rxf4 38.Qc3 Qg1+ 39.Bd1 Rd4 40.Qf3 Qg5+** White Resigns A Fighting game between the two highest rated players in the tournament

IM Ziatdinov– Johnson State Champ Rd 1 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bg7 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0–0 8.Bb3 d6 9.f3 Na5 10.Qd2 Nxb3 11.axb3 Bd7 12.Bh6 a6 13.h4 Qb6 14.0–0–0 Rac8 15.h5 Qa5 16.Kb1 Nxh5 17.Bxg7 Nxg7 18.Qh6 f6 19.Nd5 Kf7 20.Nxe7 Kxe7 21.Qxg7+ Rf7 22.Qh6 Qg5 23.Qh2 Qe5** Black seemingly overzealous in seeking a Queen trade, gives white a pawn lever that
opens the position **24.f4 Qc5 25.Rd3 Qb6 26.e5 dxe5 27.fxe5 f5 28.e6 Bxe6 29.Re1 Rf6 30.Qxh7+ Kf8 31.Nxe6+ Rxe6 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Qg7+**

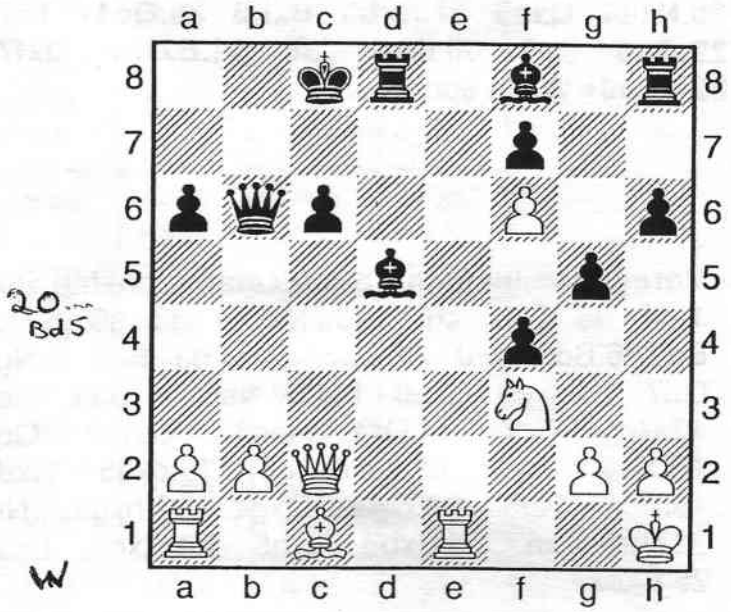


AAshmore–Parks, S 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.exf5 e4 4.Ne5 Nf6 5.Be2 d6 6.Bh5+ g6 7.fxg6 dxe5 8.g7+ Nxh5 9.Qxh5+

Andrews– Melvin Vulcan open 2002 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6** Todd is a difficult opponent for me. He had beaten me several games in a row before this game. All the games seemed to have ended in opening disasters for me. He already tore apart the 4... Bg4 line I usually play here. The text is simply a desperate bid to try and get a playable opening position **5.Bxc4 c5 6.0–0 a6 7.Qe2 Nc6 8.Rd1 Qc7** I am already out of book and uncomfortable. It turns out that b5 was called for here. This never occured to me **9.Bb3 Be7** I thought of capturing on d4 but did not like the way the position would open up. My move meekly loses a tempo 9...b5 was still called for **10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Nc3 0–0 12.e4** This throws away the advantage **Ng4 13.Rf1 Nd4** White Resigns No way to defend Queen and checkmate

Khalegi–Whayne State Championship rd1 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0–0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Nbd7 8.Qd2 a5 9.g4** Black places his knight where it inhibits his own counterplay. **Nb6 10.h4 c6 11.h5 cxd5 12.cxd5 Qc7 13.Bh6 Bxg4 14.fxg4 Nxg4** This sacrifice has been played before but only before White has played Bh6 and White has castled Q side **15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qg5 Nf6 17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Qh6+ Kg8 19.Bh3 Qg7 20.Be6+ Kh8 21.Qe3 Nbd7 22.Nf3 Nc5 23.Ng5 Nxe6 24.Nxe6 Ng4 25.Qg3 Qf6 26.Nxf8 Rxf8 27.0–0–0 Qf4+ 28.Qxf4 exf4 29.Rhg1 Ne5 30.Rdf1 h5 31.b3 Kh7 32.Kd2 Kh6 33.Nb5 g5 34.Nxd6 f3 35.Nf5+ Kg6 36.Ke3 b5 37.Nh4+ Kh6 38.Nxf3 Nxf3 39.Rxf3 Rxf3+ 40.Kxf3 g4+ 41.Kf4** Black resigns

Jurjevich–Muhammed Stae Champ Rd3 **1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.f4 exf4 4.d4 Nf6 5.e5 d5 6.Bb5 Bg4 7.Nf3 Nh5 8.0–0 g5 9.c4 a6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Nc3 h6 12.Qb3 dxc4 13.Qxc4 Bd7 14.d5 cxd5 15.Nxd5 c6 16.Nf6+ Nxf6 17.exf6 Qb6+ 18.Kh1 Be6 19.Re1 0–0–0 20.Qc2** The initiative has changed hands Blacks K side attack comes alive **Bd5 21.Bd2 Kb7 22.Bc3 g4 23.Nh4 Bc5 24.Qf5 Bf2 25.Re7+ Ka8 26.Qxg4 Rhg8 27.Qxf4 Bxh4 28.Bd4 Bxg2+ 29.Kg1 Be4+** White Resigns



Muhammed–Vest State Championship Rd 5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5 Be7 5.e4 0–0 6.Nge2 c6 7.Ng3 Re8 8.Be2 cxd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.0–0 b5 11.b4 Nbd7 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 a5 14.Ba3 a4 15.Nxa4 Nb6 16.Bc1 h5 17.Bd3 h4 18.Nf5 h3 19.gxh3 g6 20.Nxe7+ Qxe7 21.Bg5 Nxa4 22.Rxa4 Rxa4 23.Qxa4 Kg7 24.f4 Qc7 25.fxe5 Qb6+ 26.Rf2 Nxd5 27.exd5 Qd4 28.Bf6+ Kg8 29.Qd1 Qxd5 30.Qf3 Qxf3 31.Rxf3 Bxf3 32.exd6 Re3 33.Bf1** black resigns

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